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DISPARITY IN EARNING POWER

The prize fighters mean to keep up war prices for a time, at least. Before they will sign a contract to go into a ring their demands must be met, and these demands are truly exorbitant.

Georges Carpentier, the heavyweight French champion, refused an offer of 750,000 francs to come to America, and is holding out for 1,000,000 francs, or \$200,000. Jess Willard, whose duty it is to defend his championship title, insisted on \$100,000 as his end of the purse before signing. One promoter has undertaken to furnish the money. Jack Dempsey, who meets him, and may whip him, is to receive \$27,500. This is a large price to pay for muscle and puts brains at a discount. The man who has spent his youth and young manhood in college and university receives only a small fraction of these figures, and, indeed, not more than the wages of a day laborer, and only half that received by a skilled mechanic during the war. Muscular force commands more money at the present time than ever before in the world's history, and it is quite probable that cultured education commands less. Scholarship is a drug on the market, for which there is no demand. Possibly the supply is too great. The world has been spending its money and best energies on education for years. It has been accessible to everyone, and compulsory in some places. Education has come to be so universal that it has become common, if not vulgarized. About the worst equipped mortal for the battle of life is the scholar who is nothing else. Unless he can drive a nail, saw a plank, fasten on horseshoes or do some kind of mechanical work he is as helpless as an infant. So widespread has cultural education become that your barber or bootblack is apt to correct you if you misquote a line from Virgil or Horace. The bruiser who uses his fists to beat up an opponent is paid \$100,000 for an hour's engagement, while Milton received \$100 for "Paradise Lost," and it is doubtful if he could sell it for anything today Aeschylus did not receive as much for his "Trilogy" as a gas fitter can earn in a month.

The schools are beginning to appreciate this disparity, and are turning to industrial training of the young. With primordial man muscle ruled. He had no education, and whoso wielded the biggest club made himself king. The more ignorant a man is the more he will strip himself and spend his substance to educate his son, hoping and dreaming great things for him, but really turning him into a world for which he is unfit. The fact that Memphis school teachers are to receive more money for their services is a hopeful sign. It shows that muscle and brute force are not the only gods in our pantheon.

LOOSE TALK

There is complaint—and it seems to be well founded—that some of our soldier boys, when they reached Germany, began fraternizing with the boches, and making invidious comparisons between Germany and France. Some are reported to have said the biggest club made himself king. The more ignorant a man desires to know how she can turn his

some of our soldier boys, when they reached Germany, began fraternizing with the boches, and making invidious comparisons between Germany and France. Some are reported to have said that they were sorry that they had not been sent to fight for Germany instead of against it. More than 2,000,000 young Americans were sent overseas, and in that number there was sure to be found bad plumbing now and then. Some would leak language at importune times and in a loose manner, without considering the import and effect of their words. But it must be remembered that making one's self popular with young ladies in a conquered enemy country is no easy task, and almost any American soldier between the ages of 21 and 30 would talk imprudently; and if she happened to be very pretty a little treasonable talk would probably prove current coin, and, if so, a hot-blooded young American would not hesitate to take the risk. All this, however, is on the surface and superficial. Down deeper it will be found that the American soldier knew well why he crossed the seas, and he fought according to his convictions, and these have not changed. A little loose talk with the fair ones in Germany should not be taken seriously. It is more in towe the majority of the surface and superficial. Down deeper it will be found that the American soldier knew well why he crossed the seas, and he fought according to his convictions, and these have not changed. A little loose talk with the fair ones in Germany should not be taken seriously. It is some in Germany should not be taken seriously in the work of the peace conference. It gives them a great opport unity. The bigger the work the greater the opportunity it offers for attack and criticism, and the more conspicuous do the assailants become.

The peace conference was the most imposing and important convocation of human beings that has ever assembled since the foundations of the world were laid, and our president was cassily first in the august assemblage. This alone is enough to arouse

foundations of the world were laid, and our president was easily first in the august assemblage. This alone is enough to arouse and call forth partisan rancor. A meaner and more contemptible emotion moves some men, who are jealous of our president's exalted position.

These feel that as the president grows, the senator or congressman, as the case may be, dwindles and diminishes. They would rather destroy him than suffer by comparison.

WILFRID LAURIER

Canada's "grand old man" has been called hence, and the death of Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be felt as a distinct loss on both sides of the Atantic. He was a remarkable man in many ways. The product of a little Canadian college town, he chose the law as a profession, and soon won fame as an orator. He drifted into politics, where he soon became an irresistible force. and while he was loyal to and in sympathy with the French-Canadians-des habitats-he was also loyal to England, and when he became premier of Canada he was frequently honored by the imperial government. All Canadian public men speak twice on each occasion, once in English and repeating the same thing in French, or vice versa. In both languages Laurier was charming. His life was a continuous political battle, but he never gave nor asked for quarter.

A good many people are like a man in a rowboat. They travel backward all right, but they never see anything until they are past it.

With seed corn selling at from \$3 to \$7.40 the bushel, the farmers should see to it that their lands are well prepared before planting.

Chicago must have lost the key to her cold storage plant. Eggs have jumped from 47 to 63 cents the dozen.

The wireless enables us to make a whispering gallery of the ocean.

Ain't It a Grand and Glorious Feelin'?—By Briggs



BY DOROTHY DIX, The World's Highest Paid Woman Writer.

WHEN WOMAN GOES A-WOOING.

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A woman is in love with a certain man and desires him for her mate. She knows that she is fit to make just the sort of a wife he needs, and that they would be happy together if they married. But the man is not in love with her and has never considered her from a sentimental point of view, and she desires to know how she can turn his thoughts in her direction and with his serving of her own home and at the



BALANCE OF POWER.

We hear a whole lot Of the "balance of power," Discussed by the statesmen Of rank. But in your own life The balance of power Is the balance you have In the bank.

"The railroads will soon be back in their normal condition. News report. Is that the best we get?

Uruguay is mobilizing her army. The allies may have to send a regiment over there to keep the peace.

Now that everybody has reconciled himself to the fact that he did not receive the increase in wages to which he was entitled and which he confidently expected, let us settle back in the old rut and grumble

about the cost of living. JOHN IS RIGHT. The darkest hour is when you find that all your coin is spent And nothing but your timepiece stands between you and the rent. You never know its value till you paw the old thing o'er As you stand beneath the shadow of the gloomy pawnshop door. -Luke McLuke. The darkest hour is when you find your dome devoid of themes, When nothing seems to make a joke, in spite of all your schemes; You take your shears and pen and add unto some other's stock— The darkest hour is passing now-5:45 o'clock. -John D. Wells. Man in New York says he can tell a woman's disposition without marrying her. That may be true, but the hard part is to tell her disposition after marrying her. An Ashtabula man was asked by his wife to get her some yarn. He took a story book home with him. - Adele. You'll hear this gag in 12 vaudeville shows before the week is out. Adele, even though it isn't very good. Vaudeville artists are the most constant readers of newspapers in Berlin is getting what was coming to it.



Questions and Answers

Reader-Cannot say anything as to heir duties, except as clerks. L. R. W .- No announcement as to cation; has not been ordered home. location; has not been ordered home.

I. E. D.—is the filst division in the army of occupation? Where is the 224th infantry located? How can I wash chamois skins? Print the correct pronunciation of bothe. Foch. Boisheviki.

A.—(1) and (2) not announced. (3) Wash in soapy water; do not ring it out, squeezing it in a ball is best wash in several clean waters, open it out do not stretch, hang up but be sure not to have it near heat of any kind, when dry rub it vigorously to soften and bring back the nap. (4) Boche and Foch are pronounced with ch, like sh and o, very short, almost to rhyme with much. Bolisheviki, the o and i, as in machine, Ball-she-vick-ee, e in second syllable is short.

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M. R.—Their location on Dec. 18 was Florent, France, not ordered home yet. C. A. W.—They are companies owned by the men you mention. They have their writers there all the time.

J. W. D.—Is there any such thing as invisible link? How can it be read? What was the population of Alabama in 1846? Is there any rule against civilians wearing army shirts bought in a clothing store?

A.—(1) Yes, some are read by a ing store?

A.—(1) Yes, some are read by a heating process bringing the writing in sight and some are made visible by liquid preparations. (2) No. (2) Population was 590,756. (4) No.

S. B. H .- No reports of them reached M. S.—Not in the army of occupation.

Cannot say when they will be home.

Delta—You are wrong. If there was only one passenger, it would have read:
"The passenger was not injured." But there were more; therefore "none of the passengers were hurt.

Sports-The water of the river in win-ter is several degrees warmer than the air.

Miss S.—The train known as "The Ghost train" was the 3 o'clock train on the old New York & New England railroad, which ran between Boston and New York in six hours. The cars were painted white.

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S. E. T.—The prohibition amendment has been officially proclaimed a part of the constitution. It makes the whole United States "bone dry" after Jan. 18, 1920. But the country becomes "dry" July 1, 1819, under the war powers of congress.

J. W. T.—If the peace congress has decided what "freedom of the seas" should be held to mean, they have not yet made their decision public. Germany's idea was that freedom of the seas should mean that no nation should have a navy more powerful than Germany's, a definition we may be sure will not be accepted. Since the war of 1812 the seas have been free, until German U-boats began to sink peaceful passenger steamers and neutral ships. Germany has been the greatest offender against freedom of the seas.

M. E. N.—The seven wonders of the

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M. E. N.—The seven wonders of the Middle Ages are the Colosseum at Bome, the Catacombs of Alexandria, the Great Wall of China, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Porcelain Tower of Nanking, the Mosque of St. Sophia at Constantinople and the Ruins of Stonehenge. Mrs. J.—Modern drama is said to date from the first performance of "The Second Mrs. Tanous-ray." by Pinero, in London, May 27, 1893.

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J. L.—Czecho-Slovakia (Bohemia) used to be the chief source of radium, but lately considerable quantities have been found in Colorado and other parts of this country.

X. Y. Z.—The only English pope was Adrian IV., chosen 1154. His real name was Nicholas Breakspear.

CITY MANAGER BILL.

Beginning with this issue, the Labor Review will publish the draft of the new charter, commonly known as the "city manager plan." We are doing this, believing that nobody wants to accept it or condemn it without first reading it and knowing what it is. We have read the proposed charter, and, while we would make a few corrections, yet we are compelled to say that it is a decided improvement over our present charter.

It gives governing power to a larger commission, for one things, and then it gives a workable initiative and referendum on all city ordinances or resolutions passed by the council.

Organized labor has been fighting for those things for years. We have been wanting the legal power to initiate community.

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laws that we think would benefit the community.

Because since its infancy it has been its policy, organized labor demanded a referendum on the proposed charter. And, while the charter is an improvement over the present charter, we think the committee of business men made a mistake in not insisting upon a referendum on the charter itself.

One reason for not doing so is said to be that the people, by a very large vote at the last election, ordered the city commission and the legislators to secure for Memphis a new charter which provides the city manager form of government. It is argued that since the people have already said they wanted what the committee of business men suggested, it is not necessary to have the people vote on that things again. But, bear is mind that when organized labor's principle. But there are men and interests in Memphis shouting for a referendum now who heretofore have been bitter opponents of the initiative and referendum, and are only in favor of it at the present time, hoping that the referendum will serve their purposes to defeat the charter. Yes, because the proposed charter looks as though it will make the people of Memphis self-governed and give them a permanent initiative, referendum and recall.

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The Labor Review, therefore, wants The Labor Review, therefore, wants to give its readers an opportunity of reading the proposed charter, so that they will be able to judge for themselves. We would hate to see the people of Memphis deprive themselves of the opportunity of getting control of their own city.

The proposed charter actually gives the people of Memphis the power to rule their own city as the majority want it ruled, and not as three men want it ruled, which is the case at the present time.

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Think the thing over carefully. If you find that it offers you the real referendum, with the power to initiate laws that will benefit the community, don't let the professional politician de-prive you of getting the referendum by throwing dust in your eyes on this throwing dust in your eyes on subject.—Labor Review.

NEW SOY BEANS.

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The increasing utilization of the soy bean as food and in numerous manufactured products has resulted in an increased public interest in this crop and a bonsequent larger acreage. The United States department of agriculture has extended its field work with soy beans during the past year, especially in connection with the testing of improved varieties selected from numerous introduction from Asia. Much by bridization involving the crossing of the nonshattering, smooth sort with standard commercial sorts has been done. Many of the most important varieties now grown are the result of the department's work. Several recently distributed are the Haberlandt, Virginia, Wilson-Five, Hahto, Bloxi, Black Evebrow, Manchu and Peking. The testing of varieties for food purposes has given a soft-boiling bean, Easy Cook, superior to any other tested, and the Hahto, a variety especially valuable for use as a green vegetable. Breeding work is being continued with varieties of high oil and protein content and high forage and seed yield.

COVERING IT UP.

Theodore Thespian lessed on the rail of his sea-going yacht sollioquising abbut love, while the blue waves rolled and heaved splendidly, each blue wave being a "super" canvas.

But the waves were here and there threadbare, and suddenly a wave ripped and a head bobbed up in the midst of the heaving sea and stared around in bewidered fashion.

Theodore Thespian silenced the audience's titters with one stern glance.

"Man overboard" he yelled in stentorian tones.

Then the "super," managing to draw back his head through the hole in the wave disappeared. Theodore heaved a stormy sigh.

"Another victim selzed by the relentless sea, alas." he said.

And down came the house with roars of applause.

Just a Moment DAILY STRENGTH AND CHEER. Compiled by John G. Quinlus, the Sunshine Man.

How lavishly God bestows His gifts! An artist spends half a year in painting a single picture of the snow, three feet wide, and then it is often a poor, unreal, imperfect thing. God every morning covers all Scandinavia with a new snow picture, and on this gigantic canvas, every minutest detail of less and twig and tender tree stem is as perfect as if it was the only one He had ever painted. During the day perhaps the sun wipes out the picture, but the next morning He paints it all over again and repeats the picture perhaps a hundred times during the winter—in Snowland.

All honor to the men who struggle on, and drag their obstacles with them, not whining or croaking or demanding sympathy, but just struggling on and up in spite of everything. Verily they will have their reward.—The Rhine of Life.

Better let the mind be empty than-fill it with seeds which will inevitably produce an abundant crop of disease and death—Danger Signals.

on death.—Danger Signals.

Oh, let Thy wisdom be my guide.
Nor take Thy light from me away.
Thy gracs be ever at my side.
That from Thy path I may not stray!
But, feeling that Thy hand is o'er me,
In steadfast faith my course fulfill.
And keep Thy word, and do Thy will,
Thy love within, Thy heaven before me!
—Wolfgang C. Dessler.

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Look backward just long enough to get the courage and inspiration that comes from the thought of God's blessing upon the past, just long enough to see the advancing column and hear their steady tread; and then forward to new victories.—A Familiar Letter.

Dayton, Ohio.

Mike, a New Yorker who never lost his brogue, was "over there" with the A. E. F., and his two companions happened to be an Englishman and a Scotsman, These two gave their Yankee friend a lively time with their jokes and teasing.

One day Mike was called away, and left his coat on a nail. The Englishman and Scotsman, seeing some white paint near, seized the opportunity of painting a donkey's head on the back of Mike's coat.

The latter soon returned, and looking first at his coat, and then fixing his eye on his fellow fighters, said slowly: "Begorra! and which of you has wiped your face on my coat?"

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